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this bill if there were some cap as there was in the language that you have just read.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, there is no cap. Under (1) it has an (a) and (b) subdivision. Under (a) it can be a one-time fine of five hundred dollars, or a fine of one hundred dollars a day for every violation, for every day until there is compliance.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that is their way, I think, of doing what this language that we're talking about in LB 1285 would do. You can range it from zero up to \$10,000. There is a tremendous amount of leeway in this bill and what we ought...thank you, Senator Matzke. I don't want you to have to stand there. What we ought to be looking at in adopting this bill is the goal. What is the goal to be achieved? Compliance by these giants with the law as it reads now, or an order issued pursuant to the finding that one of them or some of them violated the law. I have my light on. I'll speak one more time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion, Senator Landis. Senator Landis, on the committee amendments to LB 1285.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Understand that LB 1285 is not a product of...from the industry. I think Senator Matzke was saying that...that this was a tussle, and there is a tussle here but the issue is not brought to us by one of those parties. It's not between US West and A T & T and the like. Understand that the fining authority is brought to us by the Public Service Commission who wants to ride herd on all these folks. So this, the piece that we're talking about now, is not an industry proposal. It's a proposal that our regulator has brought to us, bringing them in line with Minnesota, bringing them in line with New Mexico. By the way, in New Mexico, according to this piece here, it's \$100,000 a day as a maximum fine. What would it take to get the attention of an 18-state, multi-billion-dollar corporation? What would it take to get their attention? Well, maybe, in the case of a flagrant violation, \$10,000 a day. And, if not, certainly there's something to do less than that. I think this